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Kohn on Trip; Orleans Crime Probe Stalled

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The organized crime probe of the Orleans Parish Grand Jury was stalled today because its intended star witness was out of town.

The jury had invited (not subpenaed) Aaron Kohn, managing director of the Metropolitan Crime Commission, to appear today to give more testimony. He has testified several times already.

However, Kohn's office reported he has been out of town for more than a week and is not due back until next Monday.

Asst. Dist. Atty. Numa Bertell said Kohn would be invited again next week.

Asst. DA Charles Ray Ward said Kohn, at his most recent appearance in September, had asked for a police officer to be assigned to him to help prepare more material from his files for the jury's consideration.

Ward said Sgt. Jerry Lankford of the vice squad was so assigned on Sept. 21, and the jury was ready to hear results of this action.